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Standards Development Opportunity: Waste Management, Recycling and Road Operation Services

Germany is proposing new international standards work in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for equipment used for waste management, recycling, public cleaning, and road operation. The proposal calls for the drafting of international standards for design of these products as well as safety requirements for collecting, transporting, storing, and transferring solid and liquid waste. The initial focus will be on refuse collection vehicles, with future work planned on standards for containers, lifting devices, vehicle footboard safety, road cleaning and snow removal equipment.

As the proponent of the work, Germany indicates that the ISO standard would be based on European waste disposal technology, and the work would be led by VDMA, Germany's machinery trade association. U.S. stakeholders potentially impacted by this work include manufacturers of waste containers, waste collection vehicles, machines and equipment for road-surface cleaning and snow removal, and machines for maintaining sports and leisure areas.

Commerce's Office of Standards and Investment Policy (OSIP) Standards and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) are teaming up to alert U.S. parties so they may have the chance to comment on the standards development work planned in ISO, particularly identifying any concerns now about duplication of existing standards, and later becoming involved in the standards development work when it begins.

ANSI welcomes comments on Germany's proposal by **April 17**. Contact Steve Cornish at SCornish@ansi.org or Renee Hancher in OSIP at Renee.Hancher@trade.gov with any questions. ITA's industry analysts are also important resources for companies interested in learning more about how this standards work may affect their products or services. Interested companies may also reach out to Andy Parris in the Office of Transportation and Machinery for road vehicles (Andy.Parris@trade.gov) or Andrew Moyseowicz for snow removal equipment (Andrew.Moyseowicz@trade.gov)

Key excerpts from the Scope Statement of Germany's proposal:

Standardization of equipment for waste management, recycling, public cleaning and road operation. Taking into particular account technical and logistical aspects. Drafting of International Standards for products and procedures as well as safety requirements for the collection, transport, storage and transfer of solid and liquid waste.

Sludge recovery, treatment and disposal and also water re-use are not covered by the scope of this ISO/TC, but are handled e.g. in ISO/TC 275 and ISO/TC 282. Exclusion: General environmental management (e.g. ISO 14000) and road traffic safety management systems aspects (e.g. ISO 39001), are to be handled by ISO/TC 207 and ISO/TC 241.

You can review the full proposal at:

http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=ac817e60-1cbe-43db-8095-351a9cc3b6b1&source=whatsnew030915

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About STANDARDS ALERT

Standards Alert is a new service from OSIP in cooperation with ANSI, the private sector coordinator of the U.S. Standards system, to ensure ITA clients know about opportunities to participate in standards development.

To facilitate company participation, OSIP and ANSI are happy to provide information on how to get involved. For background, the following link provides an overview of the U.S. standardization system and how it relates to international standards development http://www.ansi.org/standards_activities/overview/overview.aspx.

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